Press Information Bureau to computerise its photo indexing features and provide telephoto services to its regional branch offices to mechanise the dispatch system for the distribu. tion of field publicity material of the DAVP ; and

(b) The State where the DAVP is equipped to provide field Publicity Units with VCPs atd Colour Monitors and equip itself with a computer for programme analysis ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) The Press Information Bureau could not take up computerised indexing in the Photo Unit as the suitable technology for the purpose could not be obtained. Presently, telephoto service is available from PIS (Hqrs.) New Delhi to its Regional Offices at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras & vice versa. During 8th Plan period 1992-97) it is envisaged that the Bureau will be able to extend telephoto service to all Regional and to some selccted branch offices.

DAVP has a computerised mailing list of about 15 lakhs addresses consisting of 527 categories. However, despatch of publicity material is done iv.anuE.Hy. There is no proposal as yet 10 coinpuerise despatch of publicity material.

(b) DAVP has asked its Field Exhibition Units to hire TVs & VCRs for showing software produced by DAVP and other Govt, of India Deptts./Ministries during exhibitions wherever required. DAVP has no plans to buy computer for programme analysis of exhibitions. Impact studies of programmes are got done by DAVP from outside professional agencies.

Public Corporations financing National network of Doortantan

533. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister cf INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Governmert have invited Public Corporations to finance "N_2" Natonal network of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the number and particulars of parties who have lesponded showing interest in its plan to open broadcating to the private sector ; and

(c) what acton has been/is proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): fa)
No, Sir. However, Government have found large number of such parties evincing interest in the matter.

(b) List given in the statement.] *{See* below)

(c) No decision has yet been taken.

Statement

Sl. No	Name of the Party
1	2
1	M/s PTI-TV Delhi
2	M/s The Observer Channel Delhi and Bombay
3	M/s Rajdhani Films (P) Ltd. New Delhi

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4	M/s TEDCO International Ltd. London.
5	M/s TV Programme Producers Guild of India Calcutta
6	M/s Paradigm Media Bombay
7	M/s ATHIRSTAM Madurai
8	M/s Business India Television New Delhi
9	M/s Times Television New Delhi
10	M/s Asian News International New Delhi
11	M/s A.A.A. Films Motion Picture Producers, Bombay
12	M/s India Today New Delhi
13	M/s Gredence Sound and Vision Ltd. Bombay
14	M/s Internews Private Ltd. New Delhi
15	M/s Yash Raj Films Bombay
16	M/s International Television Broadcasting, INC New York.
17	Shri Ramanand Sagar Bombay
18	Shri Vinay Dhumale Bombay
19	M/s Eastern News & Feature Agency (P) Ltd. Calcutta
20	M/s Creative Eye Pvt. Ltd. Bombay
21	Mr. Ashok Roy Silchar
22	M/s 7th Channel Video Corporation Madras
23	United News of India New Delhi
24	M/s HTV New Delhi
25	M/s Vidicomp Distributors Inc. Houston
26	M/s Nimbus Communication Pvt. Ltd. Bombay
27	M/s Asia Television Network Bombay
28	M/s Anand Bazar Patrika Ltd. Calcutta.
29	M/s Varan Communications Pvt. Ltd. Delhi
30	Sh Ashish Ray c/o British Television, New Delhi.
31	M/s Forum for Better Cinema Bombay.
32	M/s B.R. Films, Bombay.
3?	M/s Innovision Communications Bombay
3	M/s Jain Studios Ltd., New Delhl.
35	M/s Krishnaswamy Associates Pvt. Ltd. Madras.
36	*M/s* Global Channel Dosti Communications Pvt. Ltd. Bombay

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37	M/s Pothujanam TV Programme Centre, Trivandrum.
30	M/s Raj Television network, Madras.
39	M/s Centre for Media Studios, New Delhi.
40	M/s All India Economic Offences Awareness Bureau, Hyderabad.
41	M/s Cinevista Ads, Bombay.
42	M/s New Delhi Television, New Delhi.
43	M/s JANMAT, Dhanbad
44	M/s I.V. Communications Ltd., New Delhi.
45	M/s Vishal Productions, Bombay
46	M/s N.M. Gokalratnam, Madras.
47	Sonnybrock Production
48	The Hindu, 5, INS Building, New Delhi.
49	Chozha Creations, Theyagarava Nagar, Madras-600017
50	Sh. N. Mahodaya, B-17, MIG Colony, Ihdore-452008
51	D.S. Mittle & Sons, EVEREST, Bombay-400034
52	J.K. Advertising Limited, Shelly Park, Birmingham B 29 7NJ
53	Roshni TV Pageant,' Trivandrum
54	Television News Features, New Delhi.
55	Octave Communications Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.
56	Sakthi Bala Tele Mission, Chromepet, Madras-600044
57	Akshara Theatre Action Group on Culture, the Arts and the electro nic Media. Aksl Theatre, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi-l 10001
58	The Student Mail, Bangalore-560010
59	Discovery of India Nehru Centre, Dr. Annie Basant Road, Worli, Bombay-400018
60	Techno Visuals, Calcutta-70007
61	Areekal, Cochin-682016(onbehalf of TBN Television USA)
62	Lloyds Steel Industries Limited, Bonbay-400021
68	World Enterprises, Bombay
64	Enkay Visions (P) Limited, Madras
66	Dr. Dadi Balsaar, Singapore
66	Spot films TV News & Features Agency, New Delhi.
67	Cable Video (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bombay
68	Industrial Credit & Development Syndicate Limited, Manipal, Kamataka

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69	Sh. Siddhartha Ray, Independent Television Co. Pvt. Limited, New Delhi
70	Shri Subhas G. Gadad AMIMA New Aurangabad
71	PDR Videotronics, India Pvt. Limited, Bombay
72	Department of Electronics, New Delhi
73	American Techno Trade, INC New York
74	National Films Development Corporation, Bombay
75	Asian Television Network, Canada
76	The Dorcas Foundation, Bensalem P.A. 19020 U.S.A.
77	Aajkal, Calcutta.
78	Shri Aloke Dutt, Calcutta.
79	VIDEO CITY LTD. Bombay
80	S.T. Broadcasting Corporation, (Sh Sharad K. Tak)
81	Patrika TV New Delhi.
82	Bush India Ltd. Bombay
83	Dev Features Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.
84	Express Television, New Delhi.
85	Development and Educational Communication Unit (DECU) Ahmedabad.

Recommendations of Vardan Committee

534. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government hive since taken any decision on the Report of the Vardan Committee appointed to examine the proposals to privatise Doordarshan and AIR services ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement the same ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRUA VYAS) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production, consumption and import of newsprint

535. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of newsprint in the country at present ;

(b) the total consumption of newsprint in the country at present;

(c) the total import of newsprint in the country at present and the foreign exchange spent on it ;

(d) whether it is a fact that decanalisation of newsprint will open up new channels for misuse of foreign exchange ; and